

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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For:

IMPROVED DEVICE FOR ARTHROSCOPIC
MENISCAL REPAIR



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 through 8, 10 and 13.

Amend claim 9 as follows:

a. 9. (amended) A tissue rivet made of an absorbable material comprising a single hollow shaft, said shaft having a truncated conical head at its front end, and a wide spaced portion at its rear end, said shaft having a plurality of spaced, individual flexible projections extending radially from said shaft along [at least a portion] substantially the length of said shaft to hold two pieces of tissue together and to prevent movement of said [shaft when said] rivet [is] in the tissue.

Amend claim 11 as follows:

a2 11. (amended) The rivet of claim [10] 2 including a driving means, said driving means comprising [shaft] a rod having an outer diameter smaller than the inside diameter of the hollow shaft of said rivet and an upper handle portion having a diameter larger than the inside diameter of the hollow shaft of said rivet, said rod having a tapered tip, said tip forming the same angle as the angle of the cone of the rivet, whereby when the [tip] rod is fitted within the hollow shaft of the rivet, the surface of the [cone] tip of said driving means forms a smooth transition [to] with the conical head of the rivet.